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Hi Linda – this issue has become an ECL lead, but I am involved in the response:

On Wednesday, August 12, Administrator McCarthy issued a statement to Regional Administrators in which she stated:

“While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week’s release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week’s incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions.”

In response, ECL Director Rick Albright, Beth Sheldrake and Ken Marcy attended a Division Director’s call to discuss the implications, and HQ’s request for a site inventory of EPA lead, or EPA involved sites where on site assessment, or cleanup (removal or remedial) is ongoing or planned at mine sites where there is the potential for a significant release (resulting from hydraulic head build up, tailing dam collapse, etc.). ECL is taking the lead on generating the site list – currently we are waiting for a guidance memo from Jim Woolford, along with an example site list format. I response from the regions is expected by COB Friday, August 14.

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